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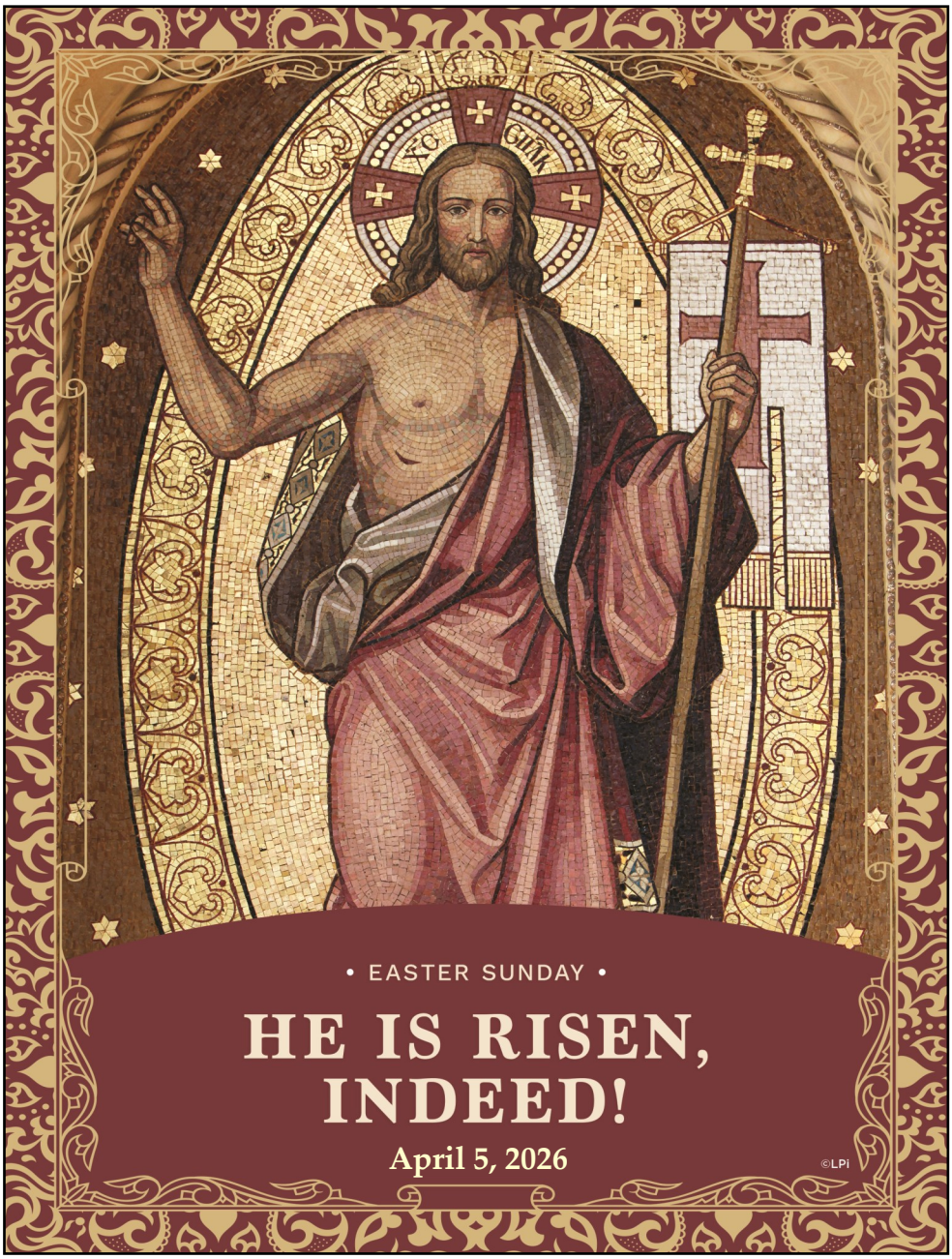

Mass Times

Wednesday 9:30 am
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am & 5:00 pm

Adoration

Sunday 3:00 pm-4:45 pm
Tuesday 6:00 pm-8:30 pm
Wednesday 3:00 pm-7:30 pm

Confession

Sunday 3:00 pm-4:45 pm

Church open for prayer

Monday-Friday 9 am-12 pm

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9 am-12 pm
Fridays by appointment

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 5
9:00 am: For the intentions of our Parish Family
11:00 am: For priests req. by Theresa Okpala

Monday, April 6
9:30 am: For the repose of the soul of George Magda req. by the Magda Family

Wednesday , April 8
9:30 am: For an increase of vocations to the priesthood req. by the Sauter Family

Thursday, April 9
(Prv): For the celebration of Joseph Okpala and Esther Ogbonna on their birthdays req. by Theresa Okpala

Sunday, April 12
9:00 am: For the repose of the soul of Renee Chevrette req. by Victor Chevrette and Family
11:00 am: For the repose of the souls of Judy, Robby and Alan Ekquist req. by Mary Poole
5:00 pm: For the intentions of our Parish Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH
EASTER EGG HUNT
11 A.M. @ St. Joseph Catholic Church
9425 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
Join us in celebration of our risen Lord Jesus Christ during the Octave of Easter! All are welcome, so invite anyone who would be interested! Children ages 10 and younger are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt, with an area reserved just for children ages 5 & younger. There will be prizes, activities, and lunch. In the event of rain we will meet in Holy Family Center and hunt for eggs.
This event is sponsored by American Heritage girls & Trail Life Troop #1890 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. If you would like to donate candy for the hunt, there will be labeled boxes at entrances of the church. Try to avoid chocolate since it may melt in the eggs. Thank you so much in advance!
Trail Life
AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

Divine Mercy Sunday
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Sunday, April 12
Prayer, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions heard from 2:30 to 4:45 pm.
"I am not alone, because Jesus is with me, and with Him I fear nothing." Diary of St. Faustina, 746
9425 Whittaker Rd. Ypsilanti

Our Weekly Offering

March 29, 2026

Will be available in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your patience.

Observances for the week of April 5, 2026

Sunday:	Easter Sunday
Monday:	Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday:	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
Wednesday:	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday:	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday:	Friday within the Octave of Easter; Arbor Day
Saturday:	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) ©LPi

From Father Pieter

Greetings! Happy Easter! The truth and mercy of Easter changes the world. We see the truth of Easter in the empty tomb and the testimony of the witnesses: the apostles saw the tomb empty and they saw Jesus alive and glorious (these fishermen wouldn't have given their lives for a "myth"). Easter changed their lives because in the Resurrection they saw the power of God's mercy: Jesus died for our sins—but He is alive, so death and sin have no power over Jesus. And for us, joined to Jesus, we have a hope rooted in Jesus, because with Jesus we have died to sin and live for God.

What's Happening at St. Joseph?

Gratitude: Thank you to everyone who served the Lord through our Easter worship (altar servers, Easter flower donations, hospitality volunteers, lectors, sacristans [who beautifully prepared our altars], musicians, staff, those who cleaned the church, and others).

Mercy: Next Sunday, April 12, we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at our parish (in addition to Masses there will be a special time of prayer with confessions available from 2:30–4:45 PM) —Please consider coming to pray and receive the Lord's mercy (it is a beautiful time to pray!). And between now and then, pray the Divine Mercy Novena daily.

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
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Our OCIA program has been quite robust this year. We have been so blessed with good people who earnestly seek the Lord and wish to come into full communion with him this Easter Vigil. We welcome with great joy, Shayna Slowinski, Gage Speer, Auston Gentz, Keith Garvin, Emiteria Benitez, Annalyn Araiza, and Mariah Perry into full communion with the Catholic Church. We also must include Shayna's and Gage's little girls, Grace and Sybil Speer who were also baptized this Easter.

Family Rosary Night
April 11 @ 6:30 pm

The Stolly Family is hosting a bonfire and rosary night!

All are welcome! Bring a chair and snack to share if you are able

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Come and Adore Him!

Adoration is offered weekly at St. Joseph on

Tuesdays 6 to 8:30 pm

Wednesdays 3 to 7:30 pm

Sundays 3 to 4:45 pm during Confessions

Contact Dcn Gary Perrydore @ dcngary@sjypsi.com if you'd like to sign up to be a permanent adorer or to receive more information.

Spring Fling!
Fun Fundraiser
April 18, 2026 @ 6 pm

Registration Required
Childcare Available
Suggested Donation: $15 per person or $25 per couple

Auction proceeds will be used to purchase new appliances for the Holy Family Center Kitchen

Dinner—Drinks—Dancing–Auction—Fellowship

Register Here:

SCAN HERE

Needed:
Silent Auction Donations

Gift Cards and Gift Baskets

Contact Mary Ann Blaszak to donate: mablaszak@yahoo.com or drop gift cards ($25 or more) into the Sunday collection basket

Ask the Deacon

Q: How long is Easter?

A: While the world was selling chocolate bunnies, Cadbury eggs, colorful baskets and that Easter basket grass that parents lament as it takes over the house, Catholics were focused on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we recalled the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert and anticipated the joy of His resurrection. After Easter Sunday, as the stores quickly move on from Easter, stocking summer items to capitalize on spring and preparing consumers for Memorial Day and summer, we are guided to continue to celebrate Easter for 50 days. Notably, Lent lasts 40 days while Easter is 50. This highlights for us the reality that the joy of heaven will surpass anything that happens during our life on earth. This is a cause for great rejoicing and specific to Easter, we get 50 days to celebrate.

At the Easter Vigil, we hear the *Exsultet*, the Easter Proclamation with words of encouragement to "exult", to "be glad", to "rejoice", to "let this holy building shake with joy" letting us know that this night is set apart from all other nights as the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. But it doesn't end there. The first 8 days, spanning Easter Sunday to Divine Mercy Sunday, are called the Octave of Easter These days the prayers of the church and the Mass are linked to Easter Sunday, prolonging its joy. We continue to celebrate Easter up to Pentecost Sunday. It is a time where we reflect on and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, His appearing to the disciples preparing them for His ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit. The first reading at Mass for all 50 days is from the Book of Acts rather than from the Old Testament. This reminds us of the birth and formation of the early church, the mission of the followers of Jesus and inspires our own response to being followers of Christ.

Embrace the full 50 days of Easter. Just as we make Lenten sacrifices, make an Easter commitment to read the readings for Mass each day of Easter. and experience how the Lord is guiding you to follow Him. Pray daily, thanking Jesus for His love – His sacrifice, keep a visual reminder of Easter prominently displayed in your home such as an image of Jesus, a white candle, or flowers. Play music that lifts your heart to Jesus, offer prayers and encouragement to folks who are struggling and no matter what, keep thanking Jesus.

Happy Easter and God bless you. Deacon Gary

St Joseph Prayer

If you desire prayer or wish to pray for fellow parishioners, email:

ollourdeshuf@gmail.com

Senior/Retirees are Invited

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

11 am Presentation on

Faithful Connections: Building Your Health Partnership with Purpose

Presented by Dr. Lynn Klima, DNP, CNE, APRN

Coffee and cookies will be served

Expecting a Baby?

We love little ones at St. Joe's! If your family is expecting a new baby, or you know a parishioner who is, we want to support your family as you welcome your little one home.

Please contact Elizabeth Guza at Mattandliz514@gmail.com to set up a meal train which you can share with friends and family. It will also go out to our parish email list.

Living the Joy of Easter – Trail Life and American Heritage Girls

As we celebrate Easter, the joy of Christ's resurrection shines brightly in our parish through ministries like Trail Life and American Heritage Girls (AHG). These vibrant programs provide our boys and girls with opportunities for adventure, service, and faith-filled growth, all while embracing our Catholic identity.

Service

Over the past year, our troops have joyfully served our parish and the community at large including cleaning up the parish grounds and our parish cemetery for All Souls' Day, Christmas caroling at Vibrant Life Senior Living, packing lunches for Hope Clinic. These various projects teach our children the beauty of serving others as Jesus desires!

Fellowship and Fun

Meeting a few times each month, our troops build bonds through shared experiences. Trail Life boys and AHG girls have fun together learning and mastering new skills, going outdoors to celebrate God's creation with camping and hiking, and various community field trips. Fathers and mothers get to spend quality time with their children while forming new friendships with other families.

Faith

Rooted in our Christian faith, both programs weave Scripture and spiritual reflection into badges, patches, and activities. Meetings begin and end with prayer, campouts include praying the rosary around the campfire and the celebration of the Holy Mass on Saturday evenings. Our troops strive to affirm our belief in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, to strengthen our families and the "domestic church," and help to prepare our youth to carry Christ's light into the world.

As Easter dawns, we thank God for Trail Life and AHG and your continued support. Please pray for these children and their families as they grow in faith and service! For more information please contact TrailLife@sjypsi.com and AHG@sjypsi.com.

Attention Married and Engaged Couples

Has anyone ever clearly explained for you WHY the Catholic Church does not approve of unnatural birth control? For most of us, the answer is no. Learn about your faith and discover a natural method of family planning that goes beyond the physical.

For more information and registration please visit www.ccli.org.

The Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Eucharistic Procession & Picnic following the 11 am Mass

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education and St. Joseph Classical Registration for 2026-27

Registration is now open for all returning and new participants.

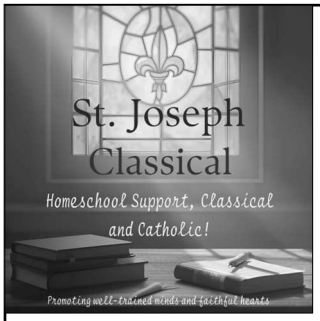
If you have any questions please reach out to Anna Nowaczewski, annan@sjypsi.com

Evening Religious Education

Our Evening Religious Ed program has been blessed with volunteer catechists and assistants that not only live the authentic Catholic faith, but witness it with great love, understanding and compassion for our children. What great children we have! They have been a gift in our atriums and classrooms!

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is the program used for our students aged 3 through grades 6. Atriums 1 and 2, official Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, are led by certified Catechists for those levels. Our Growing Disciples group (grades 4-6) is led in the Spirit of the official CGS by a certified Level 1 CGS catechist. Next year we will include the official Atrium 3 program to our RE curriculum. The structure of our two-year Confirmation program, for 7th and 8th graders, accommodates their more mature minds and spirits. Thanks to our skilled Confirmation team, direct instruction is combined with small group discussion groups, food, fellowship, and exposure to different types of prayer, including Adoration.

Lent has been a fruitful time here in our classes and we look forward to the great joy of celebrating the RESURRECTION of our Lord Jesus Christ today on Easter! Any inquiries of interest about our evening program are always welcome to annan@sjypsi.com. God Bless!!



St. Joseph Classical—SJC

St Joseph Classical, our one day per week homeschool support program, has had a great year within all our classes of Religious Education, Physical Science, and American History. Interwoven throughout the day is the observance of our Catholic faith and culture which we bring to our play, work and prayer. This year we took beginning steps into developing our SJC High Program Our Biology class on Mondays as well as including high school students in our Wednesday Theology class, led by Fr Pieter, has been a strong positive for those participating students. We look forward to a much more expansive program in the coming 2026-27 year.

We support each other in our faith, our challenges of Lent and in our JOY of the Resurrection of our Lord. Much thanks to our MANY adult volunteers who teach, assist, and substitute for us all through the year. Inquiries from those interested are always welcome to Anna Nowaczewski at annan@sjypsi.com!

This is God's work; we give HIM all the credit and praise!

Summer Stay and Play

Wednesdays after 9:30 am Mass

Families are invited to attend Mass then stay for light refreshments and play on our playground. Meets all summer. Begins May 13th!

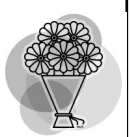
Save the Date!

Youth Chess Tournament
June 17, 2026
9:30 am Mass
10:30 am Tournament
3:00 pm Concludes
Registration will open in May

Mother's Day Plant Sale

May 10, 2026 after the 9 and 11 am Masses

A variety of 10" hanging baskets and flats from a local greenhouse will be available.



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June 28 – July 3

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week! Learn about the Ten Commandments and the Luminous Mysteries of the rosary while growing in your relationship with the Lord. See you there!

Day Program
Monday-Friday 9am-2:30pm
Grades 1-6

Evening Program
Sunday-Thursday 6:30-8:30pm
Grades 7-12

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